



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Neighborhood Revitalization Commission

Monday, March 2, 2020

6:00 PM

3rd Floor Conference Room

Call to Order

Mayor Kabat called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Tim Kabat, Linda Lee, Ralph Geary, Jennifer Trost, Jim Bagniewski, Larry Sleznikow, Janet Allen, Christopher Woodard

Excused: 2 - Will Kratt, Nora Garland

Absent: 1 - Steve Nicolai

Approval of Minutes

A motion by Lee, seconded by Sleznikow to approve. The motion carried by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

1. [20-0337](#) Proposed Municipal Code Revision to Eliminate off-street parking minimums for multifamily dwellings.

Attachments: [2020 NRC Proposed Parking Code Revision.pdf](#)

Trost provided an overview. Woodward stated he feels like the city should look at other things, such as mass transit, prior to looking at this item. Bagniewski asked what else has changed in cities that have eliminated parking minimum. Trost stated the first thing we would see is more bids for multifamily housing. Trost stated this wouldn't cost us anything but would allow for more developments. Geary asked if this was specific to an area or if this was city-wide. Kabat stated eliminating parking minimums in the downtown area has done very well for the city. Kabat stated we should give some time to see if the overlay districts in bridgeview and monitor areas will bring in new developments. Kabat asked why we should start with multifamily and not start with commercial districts. Gilman stated we modeled the overlay districts after Madison. Gilman stated its the banks that tend to push back on the parking issues. Geary stated he liked the idea of starting with the commercial districts. Bagniewski asked if the city was still looking at the cost of parking stalls. Gilman stated the overall cost is being looked at by the parking study. Sleznikow asked how long this has been going on and asked if these cities are experiencing the positive effects they were expecting. Kabat stated he would like to look at how we would talk to the public and get input and feedback to

learn and understand the objections. Kabat stated he would like to talk with MTU to see what other areas of opportunity there are. Gilman stated he likes the idea of doing this in increments and an area to look at would be the corridors around the city, such as the Highway 53 Corridor. Kabat requested inviting Adam Lorentz to the May meeting.

2. Update on the Comprehensive Plan.

Gilman gave a presentation on the Comprehensive Plan. Gilman suggested inviting Karl Green to one of the NRC's meetings to show the data that has been collected so far.

Adjournment

A motion by Sleznikow, seconded by Geary to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

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